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VAN DEMAN: This is Ruth Van Deman in Washington. Today I have news for you about fats and oils -- civilian supplies of lard, butter, shortening and margarine for the year ahead. Agencies representing all groups that will share our total food supplies have put together their requirements and have scaled down those figures to make them jibe with supplies. Then War Food Administration issued formal allocations to all the groups. That's the way all the major foods are divided....among the military forces, American civilians, the United Nations that depend on us for food, our territories and possessions, and others.

Well, in spite of the fact that war requires great supplies of fats and oils, our civilian supply of these products for use as food in the year ahead is 44 pounds a person. That's about 5 pounds a person less than in 1942. On a weekly basis, we'll be able to buy directly about 9 ounces a person. And we'll get an extra 4-1/2 ounces indirectly. That will come in restaurant meals, bakery products, salad dressing, canned fish, potato chips, and so on. These figures on fats and oils are based on latest estimates of both supplies and requirements. The figures are subject to revision if necessary this fall and at three-month intervals later. The figures I've given do not include the fats and oils to be used in soap, glycerine, and other products for civilians.

Next some news about beef. The Armed Forces now require a smaller percentage of the total slaughter. So the Government is reducing the percentage of beef set aside for military use. With slaughter of beef increasing, civilians, should soon get larger supplies.

As to pork....the next few weeks are the time of year when fewest hogs are slaughtered. With that in mind, you'll be glad to know that the Food Distribution Administration is able to cut down its buying of most pork items including lard, during the next few weeks. Food Distribution Administration buys for lend-lease, as you know.

Putting one thought after another....here's a reminder on cooking pork. Raw pork or pork that is not thoroughly cooked can infect those who eat it with a very serious disease...trichinosis. But you can avoid that danger by cooking pork thoroughly.

That's all from me, but Wallace Kadderly is standing by with some farming information.

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